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6 April 1970

MR. VANCE *gv*

Re: CRS History

John:

1. As agreed this morning, and in view of Alex's absence for a week, I am submitting for your review (on his behalf) the first ten chapters of the history and two of the appendixes. (He had marked these as "ready for JKV".) I am also enclosing a draft Preface, which we are still discussing, and the Table of Contents, which may not be accurate in every detail, but I'm sure is substantially complete.

2. Alex reports that Chapter XI, which deals with CHIVE and the introduction of the computer to CRS operations, is about two-thirds drafted. Chapter XII will consist of conclusions and, possibly recommendations, and will be brief.

3. Most of the work except final typing has been done on the major appendixes (e.g., Chronology, Key OCR Personnel, Source References).

4. This is the only copy extant. The pages have not been numbered yet because of the many expansions, insertions, and deletions that have taken place in successive drafts. Please feel free to make marginal comments.

5. It is my recommendation that you read it first and confer with Alex (and me, if you wish) before determination is made to have others in CRS review it. Based on my experience with the Historical Program, I think the number of reviewers should be severely limited. Writing history on an almost current basis, while many of the actors are still on board, is a rather hazardous business. We ~~could~~ ^{could} please everybody and still reach the point of publication. My present policy for outlines submitted to the Board is to limit the reviewers to two, usually one Board and one Staff member.

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